



Essential Elements of the Norfolk Coastal Cottage

- Steep roof pitches with dormers and shallow overhangs
- Balanced window and door locations
- Paired windows
- Gable front-entrance vestibule or portico
- One-and-one-half-story maximum height
- Roof lines extending below windows at second floor, and to top of window at first floor
- Simple detailing



NORFOLK COASTAL COTTAGE



Partial elevation and wall section

The Norfolk Coastal Cottage style developed during the post-war housing boom as a popular interpretation of the small bungalow or cottage house. This style typically has a rectangular or almost square main body with either a centered gable or gable wing facing the street. The gables facing the street may have an exaggerated vertical expression with a steeply pitched roof creating a more romantic image. Often the forms are simple with narrow trim boards and no overhang for the roofs. Entrance doors are often designed as foyers that extend out in front of the front gable.

Many simplified elements found in the English Romantic cottages are present in these houses as well. Front doors with rounded tops, shaped hoods over the front doors, slightly curved accent gables, and prominent chimneys exposed on the front facade are all hallmarks of this style. The oversized composition shingles originally used give the Norfolk Coastal Cottage its delicate scale. Most of the houses are painted white with light gray composition shingles. Porches tend to be small entry porticos using narrow, square columns with minimum base trim.

